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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests the Secretary-elect to follow through on distribution of copies of all resolutions as indicated therein or as may be deemed advisable to secure maximum effect and value from them, and that the Chairman of the Legislation Committee, both this year and the next, use these committee reports in preparation of position statements as necessary and desirable in expressing the Association's stand on pending bills in the United States Congress. Adopted by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners on September 18, 1970, at New York City, New York.

Editor's Note:

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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL WATER BANK

WHEREAS, drainage of marsh lands, wetlands, and potholes in the United States is continuing at a high rate; and
WHEREAS, these areas are valuable resources for water and nutrient retention, flood and sedimentation reduction, ground water recharge, wildlife habitat, and other purposes; and
WHEREAS, programs to maintain water on private lands presently are inadequate and must be expanded; and
WHEREAS, this International Association consistently has supported establishing a Water Bank program to maintain important wetlands; and

WHEREAS, legislation to preserve such areas through public support and incentives has been introduced into the United States Congress in the form of H.R. 15770; which is compatible with other government wetlands acquisition programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests the United States Congress to enact into law a Water Bank Act with special emphasis on land and water retirement as provided in H.R. 15770, and also urges that sufficient funds be provided to insure reaching the objectives of protecting such wetlands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Representative John Dingell of Michigan be commended for his efforts in this regard.

